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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s) Gary Lee Bartley, et al.  
Application No.: 10/796,456  
Filing Date: March 9, 2004  
Title: **COUPLING ASSEMBLY**

Confirmation No.: 2401  
Examiner: Richard M. Lorence  
Group Art Unit: 3681

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- ☒ Response/Amendment ☐ Petition to extend time to respond  
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TOTAL CLAIMS	07	MINUS	20	0	X \$ 25.00		X \$ 50.00	0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	01	MINUS	03	0	X \$100.00		X \$200.00	0.00	
[ ] First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim					\$180.00		\$360.00		
SUBTOTAL OF ADDITIONAL FEES								0.00	0.00
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<p>[ ] An extension for _____ month(s) has already been secured and the fee paid therefore of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total month(s) of extension now requested.</p> <p>[x] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.</p>									
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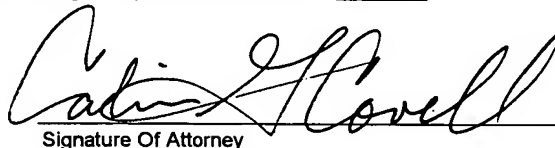
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### AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** There are no amendments to the specification.

**Amendments to the Claims:** Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** There are no amendments to the drawings.

**Remarks/Arguments:** Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.